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BASKETBALL SITUATION

Penn State Will Complete Successful Season.

From present indications the 1914 basketball season at Penn State will be an unusual one in comparison with the records of former years. The first half of the schedule has now been completed with a record of five victories and two defeats, both of the latter having been played under extenuating circumstances. These seven games with the exception of the Gettysburg game have been with the more prominent teams of the western part of the state so that our standing in that section should be evident. The next four games will be played with representative teams of the eastern part of the state so that by the completion of the schedule an accurate idea how the Penn State team stands with regard to Pennsylvania collegiate basketball will be gained.

On analysis of the Pennsylvania League the situation would seem to indicate that Penn State has more than an even chance to play in the series. Pitt's poor start together with the loss of some of her best men have placed her out of the running while it remains to be seen what W. and J. will do away from home. If W. and J. and Pitt break even in their series and Penn State wins both of the league games remaining—and this hypothesis seems to be a fair one—Captain Binder's team will play in the final fight for the championship of the state.

The game next Saturday night with F. and M. will be the first game of the eastern series and will afford all those interested in the team a basis of comparison with the colleges to be played on the trip to be taken February 19, 20, 21, including games with Swarthmore and Lehigh and a return game with F. and M. This basketball game in connection with the wrestling meet will afford an unusually good evening's entertainment for Penn State students.

Federal Building.

Proposals submitted to the federal postoffice department were looked into by Mr. Bramwell Davis government inspector, who was in State College last week. Matters have been held up by the excessive costs of sites offered the government, only \$100,000 being available for both site and building, by act of Congress.

The apparent first choice of the inspector is the property on the south-east corner of Allen St. and Beaver Ave; second, the corner of West College Ave. and Burrows St.; and third, the south-east corner of Beaver Ave. and Pugh St. The final choice of property will be made later.

Colleges and Athletics

Over one million dollars are spent yearly for college competitive athletics according to figures given out at the annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, on December 30, 1913.

Although this large amount of money is spent yearly in this way the report shows that a relatively small number of men are engaged in competitive athletics. Of the 111,000 students in 150 colleges of the United States, only 18,359 are participants in varsity athletics, while 45,378 take part in non-varsity athletics and games upon which only \$71,000 is spent annually.

Out of 143 colleges, 37 per cent, are doing nothing to foster and encourage the types of physical exercise and healthful recreation that the student is likely to use in after-college life; 53 per cent. try to create a love for sport by using different games, such as baseball, handball, volleyball, tennis and golf; 21 per cent. give corrective exercises; 14 per cent. give hygiene lectures; 5 per cent. require swimming; 5 per cent. have "hikes", and 2 per cent. teach dancing.

Civic League Contest.

The Intercollegiate Civic League, of which the Penn State Civic club is a member, announces an essay prize contest open to undergraduates in any American college or university. Essays are not to exceed 5000 words on the following subject: "What training, whether resulting from extra-curricular activities, or from both, would in your judgment best fit an undergraduate in an American college to undertake upon graduation the duties of citizenship?" Essays must be typewritten in duplicate and in the hands of the Secretary of the league before May 15, 1914. Further information may be secured from the Secretary, E. M. Sait, Columbia University, New York.

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winner, and the judges will be Senator A. L. Owens, and the Hon. Seth Low, formerly Mayor of New York.



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